Grantavia

Interregional Innovation Investments Intrument (i3) Strand 1

Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument

CODE

I3-2026-INV1

SCOPE

International

LOCATION

Europe

STATUS

Open

PROGRAM

Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument

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August 28, 2026

Financial Details

SUPPORT TYPE

Non-Refundable

MAXIMUM FUNDING RATE

70%

BUDGET

28.2M€

ELIGIBLE PROJECT VALUE

2.8M€ - 14.2M€

MAXIMUM DURATION

36 months

Dates & Deadlines

PUBLICATION DATE

May 13, 2026

OPENING DATE

May 13, 2026

Application Phases

- Deadline: November 12, 2026 at 04:00 PM (77 days left)

Objectives

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This call aims to enhance the competitiveness and resilience of EU value chains by supporting interregional innovation investments in shared or complementary Smart Specialisation areas. It specifically targets consortia composed of innovation actors from quadruple helix ecosystems (companies, research bodies, public authorities, and civil society) promoting collaboration between more and less developed regions and focusing on SMEs. The main objectives are to facilitate the deployment and scale-up of mature innovations (starting at TRL 6), strengthen European value chains, bridge regional innovation divides, and increase investment readiness for follow-up investments beyond the project's life. Projects are expected to deliver concrete, action-oriented policy recommendations and demonstrate credible commercialisation pathways.

Funding

The total envelope for this call is EUR 28.2 million. The maximum EU co-financing rate is 70%. At least 70% of eligible costs must go to company investments, majorly benefiting SMEs, and at least 50% of the budget must be incurred in less developed regions. Financial support mechanisms include direct grants and advisory support. Financial support to third parties is limited to SMEs and must be justified, transparent, and allocated primarily to regions and actors with limited prior participation in interregional innovation investments.

Eligible Expenses

- Personnel Costs
- Travel costs
- Equipment costs
- Other goods, works and services costs
- Subcontracting
- Indirect Costs
- Financial Support to Third Parties

Eligibility

Eligible Sectors

- Industry
- Energy & Environment
- ICT & Software
- Mobility & Transport
- Blue Economy
- Construction
- Education & Training
- Aerospace & Defense

Company Typologies

- Sme
- Mid-Cap
- Large
- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities
- Micro

- Small Mid-Cap
- Non-business entities of the R&I system (ENESII)

Application Mode

- Consortium / Copromotion

Action Types

- Interregional innovation investment
- Demonstration and piloting
- Testing and validation
- Market replication
- Scaling and deployment
- Business and investment planning
- Cascade funding to SMEs

EU Programme Details

CALL ID

I3-2026-INV1

SUBMISSION MODE

Single-stage

FUNDING RATE RULE

Maximum funding rate: 70% of eligible costs. Financial support to third parties (cascade funding) limited to EUR 100,000 per SME and 30% of the total eligible cost.

Official Links

Official Regulation: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/I3-2026-INV1?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&keywords=I3-2026-INV1&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502,31094503

Grantavia page: https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/interregional-innovation-investments-intrument-i3-strand-1

Schedule a meeting: https://calendly.com/ines-carreira-fi-group/reuniao